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Dear Harold,

I'm sorry that I had to cut short our phone conversation just now, but I just paid my phone bill today. You'd think that AT&T would at least take a stab at competing on price with Sprint, etc.! Anyway, thanks for your letter. It looks as though next weekend will be better for all concerned. I'm really looking forward to it. Long time no see.

I just learned last night that the printed version of my eulogy for Sylvia is done. I will be getting together with two of her friends sometime next week to address envelopes. The estate will pick up the postage. I am hoping that people will regard this as a real memorial keepsake.

Working on Dave Wheeler's piece gave me an indication of the kind of gratification which Sylvia must have felt as author, caught her sparkle over the years and, although I put in more effort than she usually did, I tried to follow the standards which we both shared. It required four days of solid thought and writing, and it resulted from a combination of altruistic and selfish motives.

(2) First, it was immediately apparent to me that there was genius, and that he had devoted serious thought and study to the problem of Lytton's book, but that his draft suffered from a few factual errors, a hasty generalization, a few factual errors, and a seeming lack of focus on the needs of his audience. Since the subject of the medical audience is one of those closest to my heart, and I think that a good article written by a Professor of History at a respected university would merit attention, I would like to see this work represent those of us who have divorced ourselves from this nasty little menace. Critiquing Wheen's draft, as I subsequently realized, may also have been an unnecessary effort by me to step away from Sylvia's shadow (and the mutual dependency we developed over the course of time), and demonstrate that I do have something to offer on this case.

The selfish aspect is that, psychologically, Lytton's book was always an albatross. I assumed for a number of years that I would have to devote considerable space in my own work in order to refute him. There was an aura of disagreement between Sylvia and me; she felt it wasn't necessary. I have come around to her point of view, but it would make me feel much more comfortable knowing that Lytton has been discredited and demolished in print by the time I submit my work to an editor who may feel as I originally did. I'm after bigger game than Lytton. Unfortunately, he possesses the swell from which all of us must drink.

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I am glad that Dave Wilcox took my comments and suggestions in their proper spirit, especially since I was a little harsh with him in places. If only we were able to devote our full energies to this case, I have no doubt that Bobby would have taken a different turn before now. This is the major frustration that I feel. This is what drives me to buy lottery tickets! Working 9-10 hours each day, and commuting for 2½ — — etc is a major frustration. So, I am sympathetic to Wilcox's plight and I would rather he take whatever time he needs to do a first-rate job.

The National Law Journal last week had an extensive cover story on Blakey ("Reo and the Man"). If you can't get it from Jim Lesar, let me know and I'll make a copy. The bare thrust of it is simply that he has been obsessed with organized crime throughout his career. I would never have guessed.

Still waiting for the FBI to send me my documents. Incredible, since I gave them the damn identification numbers!

Haven't heard from Jerry in a couple of weeks, but when I last spoke with

(4) how he was really focused on about Epstein. He spoke for the first time in quite awhile about going back into his field, and I encouraged him to put his head together with Paul Hoch to pursue the subject further.

This year I also went to visit Jerry in San Antonio and Mary in Dallas. I went to see what Mary has been doing with her computer, since she's been using computers for the case and my legal work. It's amazing what they can do.

Remind me when I come down that I want to speak with you about the W.C.'s stenographic notes of testimony.

Hope this letter finds you feeling well.

Best regards,

Gary